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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD - MONTREAL AND TORONTO -
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REF: OTTAWA'S 8115

1. WE HAVE BEEN REVIEWING CAREFULLY YOUR OVERALL SECURITY NEEDS IN CANADA AND IN PARTICULAR, THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR PERMANENT MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENTS AT MONTREAL AND TORONTO. THE WIDELY PUBLICIZED TERRORIST ACTIONS OF RECENT MONTHS (ASSAULT ON OUR EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR, RECENT INCIDENTS IN THE UK AND THE NETHERLANDS, ETC.), HAVE GREATLY INCREASED SECURITY CONSCIOUSNESS AT ALL FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS AS WELL AS DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL MSG PERSONNEL. SY AND BUREAU ARE SYMPATHETIC TO YOUR NEEDS BUT MUST RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THAT, IN REVIEWING WORLD-WIDE PRIORITIES, AND OUR UNFILLED REQUIREMENTS ELSEWHERE, WE FIND OURSELVES UNABLE TO PROVIDE FULL TIME MARINE COMPLEMENTS AT THESE TWO

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2. DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO SEND MARINE GUARDS TO MONTREAL ON A TDY BASIS DURING THE PERIOD OF HIGH THREAT ASSOCIATED WITH THE FORTHCOMING GAMES, AND TO TAKE WHATEVER OTHER MEASURES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. ONCE GAMES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, WE ANTICIPATE SECURITY RISKS SHOULD ABATE. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. EMBASSY MEANWHILE SHOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE LOCAL SECURITY MEASURES AND FURTHER DEVELOP LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS WITH RCMP AND OTHER SECURITY AGENCIES OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. THESE AGENCIES HAVE PREVIOUSLY DEMONSTRATED COOPERATION AND LEVELS OF PROFESSIONALISM NOT FOUND IN MANY OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD AND WE BELIEVE THEY WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO ANY CALL FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. AS NOTED ABOVE, FULL RANGE OF MEASURES WE CAN TAKE IN THE ANTI-TERRORIST FIELD ARE STILL BEING ASSESSED BUT IT APPEARS TO US THAT AN INCREASED SECURITY RESPONSE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH BETTER TRAINING AND DIRECTION OF CONTRACT GUARDS, IS BEST FEASIBLE PRESENT APPROACH FOR TORONTO AND MONTREAL AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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